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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Norman G. ANDERSON et al.

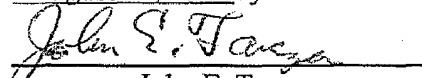
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For: Detection and Characterization  
of Microorganisms

Examiner: Frank Wei Min LU

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Date: August 19, 2003

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed May 19, 2003, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for response, this response is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, **FAX RECEIVED**  
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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper. **GROUP 1600**

An Appendix with four attachments including a terminal disclaimer, Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), a Change of Address, and an Associate Power of Attorney/Authorization of Agent are attached following page 6 of this paper.